



## GATES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Christ calls the Church into being, giving it all that is necessary for its mission in the world, for its sanctification, and for its service to God. (Book of Order F-1.0202)*

The Session of GPC gathered on Monday March 16, 2020 to prayerfully consider how we will move forward as a community in light of the COVID-19 crisis. As you know, information and restrictions are changing rapidly and we are doing our best to respond to them. We realize that this is a time of great uncertainty and with the guidance of the Genesee Valley Presbytery and local and national health guidelines we have made the following decisions.

### Worship

- In-person public worship is suspended until further notice. In lieu of this, we are doing the following:
  - o We will create a worship service and have a written version of the bulletin and sermon from our guest pastor for each Sunday. This will be posted on the GPC website, sent out through an email, and also posted on Facebook.
  - o We will have a Facebook Live stream of the service on the “Members of GPC” Facebook page each Sunday morning at 10 am. This will follow the worship bulletin that was mentioned above and will be led by our guest pastor.
  - o Please email any prayer requests you would like included in the weekly bulletin or as part of our online Sunday worship to John Kubinieć. ([john@gatespres.org](mailto:john@gatespres.org))

### Building Use

- All in-person meetings and activities at GPC are suspended until further notice. Meetings of Session, Deacons, and Trustees will be accomplished through phone or video conferencing. We will be investigating other possible ways to be connected as a community with online resources.
- Usage of the facilities by outside groups is also suspended. Some groups had already made the decision to cancel and others had started looking at meeting online. Trustees will be in contact with the remaining groups regarding this decision.

## Pastoral Care

- Pastoral care will continue at GPC. Session will be working with the Deacons to develop a phone tree. The goal is to contact each household periodically to do a check-in and see if GPC can be of assistance. We ask that during this time you do not come to the GPC office for any reason. Please call the office with any pastoral care needs you might have. If no one answers the phone, please leave a voice message. The messages will be checked on a regular basis and someone will call you back.

## Financial Contributions

- Members are encouraged to continue making financial contributions. Information for electronic giving will be provided in the weekly bulletins, Harbinger(s) and on the GPC website. You also may mail your checks to the church office.

The GPC family can be proud of strong connections that exist among all the members. Let us continue to hold each other in community and prayer. Staying personally connected in a time of physical isolation is important so please reach out to the GPC Session, staff and to others in our congregation whom you know.

*Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. (Romans 12:12)*

Peace,

GPC Session